

## ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES (AELS)

Adult Education and Literacy Services is an integral part of the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, providing instruction in basic academic skills, workforce preparation, English Language acquisition, and management of high school diploma options for adult residents of Maryland.

*I am ready to explore these options!*

### **NEDP®**

*Find a local NEDP Program in your area:*

*<http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/gedmdl/ nedp.shtml>*

*Questions? Call 410-767-0188*

### **GED® TESTING**

*To register, visit [GED.com](http://GED.com)*

*For a complete list of instructional programs in your area:*

*<http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/gedmdl/ programs.shtml>*

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### **ADULT HIGH SCHOOL**

*To determine where adult schools will be located, and when the schools will be open, visit:*

*<http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/gedmdl/ diploma.shtml>*

*Questions? Call 410-767-0540*



# Maryland Adult Education High School Diploma Options



## National External Diploma Program® (NEDP)

### What is NEDP®?

- ❖ Competency-based assessment
- ❖ Assesses adults' high school level skills
- ❖ Evaluates reading, writing, math, and workplace readiness skills
- ❖ No high-stakes tests
- ❖ Accommodations available

### Am I Eligible?

- ❖ 18 years old+
- ❖ Not enrolled in school
- ❖ No high school diploma
- ❖ Maryland resident/MVA ID
- ❖ Ninth grade level skills in Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) reading, math, and writing

### What is Involved?

- ❖ No classes
- ❖ Work independently on computer and with advisor to complete assignments
- ❖ Demonstrate mastery of academic and workplace skills

### How Long Does It Take?

- ❖ Complete program in 6-12 months (15 months max in MD)

### Will I Get a High School Diploma?

- ❖ Yes – a Maryland High School Diploma

### How Much Does It Cost?

- ❖ Check with a local NEDP provider in your area.

## GED® Testing

### What is GED® Testing?

- ❖ Evaluates adult skills in Reading Language Arts (RLA), Math, Science, and Social Studies
- ❖ Accommodations available
- ❖ Offered in English and Spanish (RLA must be taken in English)

### Am I Eligible?

- ❖ 18 years old+
- ❖ No high school diploma
- ❖ Officially withdrawn from K-12 school system
- ❖ Maryland resident/MVA ID

### What is Involved?

- ❖ All four tests completed on computer at approved test centers across the State

### How Long Does It Take?

- ❖ Preparation depends on level of high school competence in four content areas
- ❖ GED Ready®™ Official Practice Tests predicts readiness
- ❖ GED® tests can be scheduled online at any time

### Will I Get a High School Diploma?

- ❖ Yes – a Maryland High School Diploma

### How Much Does It Cost?

- ❖ Maryland subsidizes the cost of testing – each content area costs \$11.25, and retests cost \$10.

## Adult High School Program\*

### What is Adult High School Program?

- ❖ Pathway for adults to earn high school credit
- ❖ Potentially earn post-secondary education credits and industry-recognized certification
- ❖ Must meet Maryland high school graduation requirements
- ❖ Accommodations available

### Am I Eligible?

- ❖ 21 years old+
- ❖ No high school diploma
- ❖ Maryland resident

### What is Involved?

- ❖ Subjects include: Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Physical & Health Education, and Technology Education
- ❖ May receive credit based on review of official high school transcript

### How Long Does it Take?

- ❖ Varies depending on course of instruction needed to complete the Maryland high school graduation requirements.

### Will I Get a HS Diploma?

- ❖ Yes – a Maryland High School Diploma

### How Much Does It Cost?

- ❖ Contact the school to determine if any fees apply.\*

\*This pilot program is in conjunction with the Maryland State Department of Education. Adult High School is expected to open summer/fall 2019.